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In re Application of: )  
Patrick M. Sewall, et al ) Attorney  
Serial No: 09/977,713 ) Docket Number: RIDG101  
Filed: October 12, 2001 ) Group Art Unit:  
For: Compressed Data Structure and ) Examiner:  
Decompression System )  
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December 10, 2001

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**AMENDMENTS**

Please amend the application as follows.

In The Specification

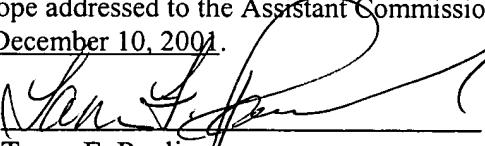
*N.E.* Please delete paragraph 24 which describes a Fig. 16.

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Please replace paragraph 42 with the following:

*N.E.* **SAMPLE COMPRESSED DATA STRUCTURE:** Figs. 11-15 contain block diagrams and tables illustrating a compressed data structure designed for an ARM (Advanced RISC Machine) processor. Fig. 11 illustrates a sample library 50 made up of ten segments 52 containing varying numbers of indexed positions 56. Each segment 52 can be represented by a four bit binary string ranging between 0000 and 1010. The number of positions 56 in each successive segment 52 follows a binary progression increasing by a factor of two. The first segment 52 contains sixteen positions 56 while the tenth segment 52 contains over eight thousand positions 56. Fig. 12 further illustrates the first segment 52 of Fig. 11. In Fig. 12, first segment 52 contains sixteen indexed positions 56.

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER Under Small Entity Status				Attorney Docket No: RIDG101		
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Application Serial Number: 09/977,713		Filing Date: 10/12/2001		Examiner: 23 23		Group Art Unit: 2185
Invention: COMPRESSED DATA STRUCTURE AND DECOMPRESSION SYSTEM						
TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS: Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.						
CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	NO. OF EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	33	MINUS	33	0	\$9	\$ 0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	2	MINUS	3	0	\$42	\$ 0.00
<p>Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of <u>12/30/1999</u> to and through <u>      </u>, comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> one month (\$55)                           <input type="checkbox"/> three months (\$460)  <input type="checkbox"/> two months (\$200)                   <input type="checkbox"/> four months (\$720)</p>						
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						0.00
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ <u>      </u> is attached.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Charge \$ <u>      </u> to Deposit Account <u>      </u>.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required.</p>						
<u>December 10, 2001</u> date				 Jack H. McKinney Reg. No. 45,685		
I hereby certify that this correspondence and all correspondence identified as accompanying this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on <u>December 10, 2001</u> .						
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